



In the One Spirit

Paul's First Letter to the
Christians in Corinth



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Responsively):

Holy God, you call us by name to be your people.

You call us out from our ordinary lives, to a holy life of service, justice, and love.

You call us, through Jesus Christ, to a life of sacrifice. A way of life that is not always easy but rich in mercy, extravagant in love, abundant in freedom and joy.

**This is the new life which you have given us in Christ.
Therefore, we will praise and glorify your holy name.**

*Hymn: *Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped* (vs 1, 3, 4) 22

*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

O God, deliver us from artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere.

O God, deliver us from being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world.

O God, deliver us from a token concern for the people we meet each day.

**O God, deliver us from everything in us that may hide your light.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Jesus came to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

**Through God's grace, we have experienced deliverance.
This is the good news, for freedom, Christ has set us free.
Thanks be to God!**

Scripture Lesson: I Corinthians 10:23 – 11:1

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Sermon: "Being Imitators of Christ: NOT EASY!" Dr. Robinson

*Hymn: *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* (vs 1, 2, 4) 476

Benediction

Postlude

An asterisk (*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.
Hearing-assistance devices are available in the entrance near the canopy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

The Mission Committee, the BoCE, and two of our Confirmands (Brianna Runnheim and Blake Adams) are sponsoring our church wide Lenten Mission project to benefit FB4KMadison (Free Bikes for Kids Madison). Last fall, the Salem Youth collected 67 bikes from the local community for the benefit of FB4KMadison. It costs about \$100 per bike to get it into the hands of a new owner. This cost covers the bike helmet, lock, and any maintenance/repairs. How to help:

- Donate a new bicycle helmet
- Donate a bike lock (a lock with a combination and not one with a lock/key)
- Donate funds to support the mission of FB4KMadison. Checks payable to FB4KMadison.
- Donate your time: visit the FB4Kids website to volunteer (fb4kmadison.org). They have different tasks, and most do not require any experience. Some experience required for bicycle repair positions.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Salem Women's Guild will hold a business meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 1:30 pm. We will have two major topics to discuss. First, Angela Quade and Krista Nechvatal, members of the search committee, will come to have a conversation with the ladies present at the meeting. They will be asking questions pertaining to: where Salem has been, where we are now, and where we think God is calling us to go. Our thoughts will be used for the search committee to develop a profile for Salem UCC. This will be an important tool to be used in Salem's search for a new Pastor.

Secondly, we will need to discuss the possibility of having our annual Spring Salad Luncheon. With the mask mandate lifted, we may be able to host this event. The officers will check with Pastor Tom and the Council to get their thoughts/approval prior to the meeting. If it is a "go," we can continue to make plans for this event.

As a reminder, Paying Hostesses for March are: Joyce Fredrickson, Becky Hagenston, Verlis Luchsinger, Pat McCarthy, and Ann Nelson. For April: Helen Hageman, Susan Hageman, Lisa Hart, and Judy Skupien.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, March 28

Eve - Boy Scouts

Wed., March 30

4:45PM - Confirmation

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells (Search Committee)

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 3

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

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